



Sonoma County Cannabis

Dirt to Dispensary Workshop Series

Sonoma County Cannabis Program Overview

Wednesday, May 3rd, 3pm – 5pm

Glaser Center

547 Mendocino Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

This kick-off workshop is for all operator types and will include an overview of the Sonoma County Cannabis program, including the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance, Cannabis Health Ordinance, and Cannabis Business Tax Ordinance. County staff will go over requirements that apply to all cannabis businesses such as zoning, separation criteria, and operator criteria, as well walk attendees through the permit process. The workshop will also include an introduction to business planning basics.

Cultivation Permits 101

Wednesday, May 10th, 3pm – 5pm

Glaser Center

547 Mendocino Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

This workshop is geared toward cultivators (indoor, outdoor, and mixed-light) and nurseries and will include an overview of cultivation and nursery permit requirements, site planning (setbacks, maps, building, etc.), biotic assessments, riparian corridor requirements, tree removal, and inspections.

Ordinance Standards and BMP Compliance for Cultivation

Wednesday, May 17th, 3pm – 5pm

Glaser Center

547 Mendocino Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

This workshop is for cultivators and focuses on complying with operating standards and best management practices (BMPs), waste management, pesticide use, nutrient management, and erosion and sediment control.

Water and Wastewater

Wednesday, May 24th, 3pm – 5pm

Glaser Center

547 Mendocino Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

This workshop is primarily for cultivators and will discuss waste discharge requirements, runoff and storm water control, water supply and management, groundwater monitoring and well metering, and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's waste discharge permit.

No Workshop on Wednesday, May 31st

Cultivation Infrastructure

Wednesday, June 7th, 3pm – 5pm

Glaser Center

547 Mendocino Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

This workshop is geared toward cultivators, nurseries, any operators doing new construction, and operators on parcels that are not hooked up to municipal services. Staff will discuss main, support, and ancillary structure uses and permitting, security and seclusion (screening, fencing and access), grading, and well and septic requirements and permitting.

Manufacturing

Wednesday, June 14th, 3pm – 5pm

Permit and Resource Management Department Hearing Room

2550 Ventura Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

This workshop is for manufacturers and will including a discussion of zoning and permitting, food safety, industrial area requirements, volatile vs. non-volatile extraction methodologies under the Ordinances, Haz-Mat (hazardous materials), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identification numbers, emergency services, and inspections.

Energy and Sustainability

Wednesday, June 21st, 3pm – 5pm

Board of Supervisors Chambers

575 Administration Dr., Room 102A

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

This workshop is geared toward all sectors of the cannabis industry. Presented by the County's Energy and Sustainability division, this session will cover energy efficiency related to lighting, ventilation and dehumidification, audits, and options to meet the renewable energy requirement by choosing solar or Sonoma Clean Power's Evergreen program. The Sonoma County Energy Independence program (SCEIP) will also talk about a local financing option for energy or water improvements that is not based on credit or income but on the property itself.

Taxation

Wednesday, June 28th, 3pm – 5pm

Permit and Resource Management Department Hearing Room

2550 Ventura Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

This workshop is for all operator types and will focus on cannabis business tax rates, how and when to file tax forms, crop loss considerations, and business property tax.

No Workshop on Wednesday, July 5th**Dispensaries**

Wednesday, July 12th, 3pm – 5pm

Permit and Resource Management Department Hearing Room

2550 Ventura Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

This workshop is for current and prospective dispensary operators and will including a discussion of zoning and permitting, food safety, and inspections.